



The Aaronsohn-ITMI International Conference

Tiberias on The Sea of Galilee, Israel
16-20 April, 2007

<p>I·T·M·I</p> <p><i>International Triticeae Mapping Initiative</i></p>	<p>100 years anniversary of the discovery of wild wheat by:</p>  <p>Aaron Aaronsohn</p>	 <p><i>Triticum turgidum ssp. dicoccoides</i></p>
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Wild emmer wheat, *Triticum turgidum ssp. dicoccoides* (genome BBAA), the progenitor of domesticated wheat, was discovered in 1906 by A. Aaronsohn in Northern Israel. Aaronsohn had the pioneering vision that the progenitor of wheat would become a source of genes for wheat improvement.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the discovery of wild wheat by Aaronsohn, the Israeli Gramineae Consortium is going to host the next ITMI Meeting (April 16-20, 2007) on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where wild emmer wheat was discovered. Furthermore, the meeting location and timing will enable participants to observe wild wheat and barley in their natural habitats, and to explore nature reserves and sites where wild wheat was intensively studied, *in situ*, for the past decades.

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